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SUBJECT: JORDAN REQUESTS SLIGHTLY LARGER QUANTITIES OF  
SMALLPOX AND ANTHRAX VACCINES, AND ASKS FOR THE PRICE

REF: A. STATE 41006

[B](#). AMMAN 1021

Classified By: PolCouns Doug Silliman for reasons 1.5 (B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request for the Department. See  
paras 4-5 below.

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GOJ WANTS VACCINES FOR CIVILIAN USE...  
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[1](#)2. (S) Following up on ref b demarches to the MFA and  
Jordan Armed Forces (JAF), Ambassador on February 23 called  
on Health Minister Walid Maani and reiterated the U.S. offer  
to provide -- on a reimbursable basis -- limited quantities  
of smallpox and anthrax vaccines to Jordan. Prime Minister  
Ali Abul Ragheb called the Ambassador February 23 and noted  
that the GOJ would like to acquire 1,000 doses of smallpox  
vaccine and 3,000 doses of anthrax vaccine to for use for  
civilian health and emergency workers in the eastern regions  
of the country (nearest to the Iraqi border). The PM said  
the GOJ would try to find the funds to pay for these  
purchases, and asked for the cost of the vaccines.

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...AND FOR THE MILITARY AS WELL  
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[1](#)3. (S) Concurrently, senior JAF officers indicated to the  
DATT that the JAF would like to get from the U.S. 9,000 doses  
of anthrax vaccine and 15,000 doses of smallpox vaccine. The  
JAF asked for the cost of the vaccines before deciding if  
they would use ACSA or FMF to pay for the vaccines.

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ACTION REQUEST  
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[1](#)4. (S) The GOJ has indicated to us that it would like  
access to a total of 12,000 doses of anthrax vaccine and  
16,000 doses of smallpox vaccine -- somewhat more than  
offered in ref a. Embassy therefore requests that the  
Department consider increasing the amounts of anthrax and  
smallpox vaccines offered to Jordan to accommodate the  
requests for both civilian and military use (i.e. 12,000 doses  
of anthrax vaccine and 16,000 doses of smallpox vaccine).

[1](#)5. (S) In addition, the Embassy also requests that  
Washington provide separately the cost for the vaccines  
requested for civilian use and those requested for military  
use.  
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